

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-32 (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device for use by a message recipient for receiving a picture from a message originator having a telephone number, comprising:

a receiver operably coupled to receive a message from a message center over a wireless-communication connection, call data the message including a message and a unique identifier associated with the wireless portable communication device picture supplied by the message originator and a caller ID automatically provided by a communications network that identifies the telephone number of the message originator, the message including visual image data, the call data optionally including associated caller identifying information the message originator sending the caller ID with the picture to the message center;

a display; and

a controller operably coupled to display ~~information including the visual image data~~ the picture and caller ID on the display.

34. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein the ~~visual image data~~ picture includes at least one of:

iconographic image data;

logo image data;

photographic image data;

video image data;

~~— facsimile image data;~~

image data representative of a calling party; and

other graphic image data.

35. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein the message ~~is~~ includes a video telephone message, ~~and wherein the visual image data includes video image data.~~

36. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the wireless portable communication device includes a memory, wherein the controller is being operably coupled to store the received ~~visual image data~~ message in the memory.

37. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36, wherein the controller is operably coupled to store the received ~~visual image data~~ message along with the associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID in the memory.

38. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36, wherein the controller is operably coupled to display the caller ~~identification~~

information ID on the display to assist a user of the wireless portable communication device in identifying a source of the received ~~visual image data~~ message.

39. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 38, further ~~comprising~~ including an input operably coupled to the controller, the input enabling a user of the wireless portable communication device to select the caller ~~identification information ID~~ associated with the received ~~visual image data~~ message in order to display the ~~visual image data from the visual image data~~ picture associated with the message.

40. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with respective caller ~~identifying information IDs~~, and wherein the controller is operably coupled to display the ~~visual image data~~ picture from the ~~visual image data~~ messages to a user of the wireless portable communication device in an order based on the caller ~~identifying information IDs~~.

41. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 40, wherein the user is the message recipient and wherein the order is user-programmable programmable by the message recipient.

42. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with respective caller ~~identifying information~~ IDs, and wherein the controller is operably coupled to display a listing of ~~visual image data~~ messages to a user of the wireless portable communication device in an order based on the caller ~~identifying information~~ IDs.

43. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 42, wherein the order is ~~user programmable~~ programmable by the message recipient.

44. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data~~ message is compressed, and wherein the controller is operable to decompress the ~~visual image data~~ compressed portion of the message.

45. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data~~ message is encrypted, and wherein the controller is operable to decrypt the ~~visual image data~~ encrypted portion of the message.

46. (Previously added) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein the receiver comprises at least one of:

- a page receiver;
- a cellular telephone receiver;
- a radio frequency receiver; and
- a personal digital assistant receiver.

47. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 37, wherein the received ~~visual image data message~~ picture and associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID is stored in a contiguous area of memory.

48. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 37, wherein the received ~~visual image data message~~ picture and associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID is stored in non-contiguous areas of memory.

49. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 37, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with associated indications of the time the messages are received, and wherein the controller is operably coupled to display the ~~visual image data from the visual image data~~ messages to a user of the wireless communication device ~~in an order based on at least one of the associated caller identifying information and the time the messages were received.~~

50. (Currently amended) A method of messaging using visual image data in a wireless portable communication device, the method comprising:

~~receiving call data over a wireless communication connection, the call data including a message and a unique identifier associated with the wireless portable communication device, the message including visual image data, the call data optionally including associated caller identifying information; and~~

initiating a message from a message originator to a message recipient;

receiving at a message center coupled to a communications network both message originator information provided automatically by the communications network as the caller ID identifying the telephone number of the message originator, and a picture obtained from the message originator prior to transmitting the caller ID to a wireless portable communication device;

causing the communications network to wirelessly transmit the caller ID and the picture from the message center to the wireless portable communication device; and

displaying information including the ~~visual image display data~~ picture and the caller ID on a display.

51. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein the ~~visual image data~~ picture includes at least one of:

iconographic image data;

logo image data;

photographic image data;

video image data;

~~facsimile image data;~~

image data representative of a calling party; and

other graphic image data.

52. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein the message is a video telephone message, ~~and wherein the visual image data includes video image data.~~

53. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, further comprising:
storing the received ~~visual image data~~ message in a memory.

54. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 53, further comprising:
storing the associated caller ~~identification information~~ IDs along with the ~~visual image data picture~~ in the memory.

55. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 53, further comprising:
displaying the caller ~~identification information~~ IDs on the display to assist a user of the wireless portable communication device in identifying a source of the received ~~visual image data~~ message.

56. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 55, wherein displaying the ~~visual image data~~ picture comprises:

receiving an input selecting the caller-~~identification information~~ ID associated with the received-~~visual image data~~ message; and

displaying the-~~visual image data~~ picture from the-~~visual image data~~ message in response to the input.

57. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with respective caller ~~identifying information~~ IDs, and wherein displaying information including the-~~visual image data~~ picture comprises:

displaying the-~~visual image data~~ picture from the-~~visual image data~~ messages on the display in an order based on the caller-~~identifying information~~ IDs.

58. (Previously added) A method according to claim 57, wherein the order is-~~user-programmable~~ programmable by the message recipient..

59. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with respective caller ~~identifying information~~ IDs, and wherein the method further comprises:

displaying a listing of-~~visual image data~~ the messages on the display in an order based on the caller-~~identifying information~~ IDs.

60. (Previously added) A method according to claim 59, wherein the order is ~~user-programmable~~ programmable by the message recipient..

61. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data~~ message is compressed, and wherein the method further comprises:

decompressing the ~~visual image data~~ compressed portion of the message.

62. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data~~ message is encrypted, and wherein the method further comprises:

decrypting the ~~visual image data~~ encrypted portion of the message.

63. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data message~~ picture and associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID are stored in a contiguous area of memory.

64. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein the received ~~visual image data message~~ picture and associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID are stored in non-contiguous areas of memory.

65. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with associated indications of the time the messages are received, and wherein displaying information including the ~~visual image data~~ picture comprises:

displaying the ~~visual image data~~ picture from the ~~visual image data~~ messages on the display in an order based on ~~at least one of the associated caller identifying information and~~ the time the messages were received.

66. (New) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36 wherein the memory includes a removable memory card.

67. (New) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 37 wherein the memory includes a removable memory card.

68. (New) A method according to claim 50, and further including the step of encoding the message.

69. (New) A method according to claim 68, and further including the step of decoding the encoded message.